(5) Bubaneshwar-Cuttak Bypass

(6) Aditypur Bridge

(7) Gujarat Roads

(8) Moradabad Bypass

Under the above mentioned project the World Bank has also approved an IDA Credit of $5 million to the Government of India as Technical Assistance for the Ministries/States and their agencies in selecting Investment Enterprises and Structuring Investment Projects that are proposed to be financed under the proposed IL&FS project.

Fixing of fee to be charged by the Medical Colleges

1013. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Medical Council has fixed the fee to be charged by the medical colleges in the country for 1996-97;

(b) if not, the reasons for not fixing the fee;

(c) by when the Indian Medical Council will fix the fee structure for medical colleges; and

(d) whether Government are aware that the Hon'ble Supreme Court has fixed the fee structure for medical colleges and will be applicable till Government and the Indian Medical Council fix a permanent fee structure for Medical Colleges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (d) The Central Government in consultation with the Medical Council of India approved as fee structure of Rs. 1,15,000/- per annum for payment seats. The Supreme Court of India, however, fixed fee structure for year to year including 1995-96. The fee structure for 1996-97 is yet to be fixed by the Supreme Court of India.

Government of India has filed an application to the Supreme Court of India requesting them to permit fee structure of Rs. 1,15,000/- p.a. for payment seats.

The matter is subjudice before the Supreme Court of India.

Lack of research facilities in Medical Colleges

1014. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study conducted by a team of medical scientists from the AIIMS has expressed the view that out of total 150 medical colleges, only 30 meet the required standards and that most of the medical colleges are lacking in research facilities;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to bring about improvement in this vital field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) Such a study conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has come to notice of the Government.

(b) The methodology adopted and conclusions arrived are yet to be evaluated by the Medical Council of India.

(c) Medical Council of India conducts periodicals inspection of medical coleges to assess the standards of medical education imparted. Under the Indian Medical Council Act., 1996, as amended. Prior permission of Central Government is required for opening a new college, increase of seats and opening higher courses of study.

Action against guilty persons in Securities scam

1015. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:
SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether appropriate action as indicated in the revised Action Taken